(d) what are the structural and other changes and facilities the Railways propose to extend at Ghatkopar to facilitate the halt of the long distances trains?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. However, it will affect the thousands of daily commuters, as the number of suburban trains will have to be reduced.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Running of Shatabdi Express trains

694. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the criteria laid down for running Shatabdi Express trains;

(b) the number of Shatabdi trains likely to be run by Government in various parts of the country; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to run Shatabdi Express from Jalandhar to Delhi and *vice-versa* in the near future; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Traffic justification and importance of the route.

(b) This is an ongoing process depending upon availability of coaches and other infrastructure.

(c) No, Sir.

एक महिला को चलती हुई गाड़ी से उतार दिया जाना

695. **श्री अनन्त राम जायसवाल:** क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि जून, 1992 के अंतिम सप्ताह में या उसके आस पास एक चल टिकट परीक्षक (टी. टी. ई.) ने एक महिला को उसके बच्चे सहित चलती हुई रायलसीमा एक्सप्रेस रेलगाड़ी से राजमपेट्टा के पास उतार दिया जिसके परिणामस्वरूप उक्त महिला अपने बच्चे सहित रेल पटरी पर जा गिरी और वह महिला और उसका बच्चा रेलगाड़ी से कटकर मर गए ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस घटना का ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ग) क्या संबंधित चल टिकट परीक्षक के विरुद्ध कोई कार्यवाही की गई थी और यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मल्लिकार्जुन) : (क) से (ग) 1.7.92 को दस यात्रियों के एक ग्रुप, जिसमें उक्त महिला भी शामिल थीं, को रायलसीमा एक्सप्रेस में बिना टिकट यात्रा करते पाया गया था। गाड़ी में ड्यूटी पर तैनात चल टिकट परीक्षक ने उन्हें राजमपेट स्टेशन पर सवारी डिब्बे से उतरने के लिए कहा। गाड़ी के रुकने पर जब अन्य यात्री गाड़ी से उतर गये तब इस महिला ने अपनी मर्जी से अपने बच्चे सहित चलती गाड़ी से उतरने का प्रयास किया लेकिन दुर्भाग्यवश वह गिर पड़ी और वह महिला तथा उसका बच्चा गाड़ी से कटकर मर गये। इस अस्वाभाविक मृत्यु के मामले की राजकीय रेलवे पुलिस/रेणिगुंटा द्वारा जांच पड़ताल की जा रही है और जांच पड़ताल की रिपोर्ट प्राप्त हो जाने के बाद आवश्यक कार्रवाई की जायेगी।

Guidelines to all the Zonal Railways

696. SHRI SURESH KALMADI:
DR. ABRAR AHMED:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that guidelines have ben issued to all the Zonal Railways to gear-up and urgently improve passenger services! and

(b) if so, what are the details of the guidelines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b) Instructions already exist for punctual running of trains, provision of various passenger amenities according to prescribed standards in trains and at stations and their proper upkeep by intensive chasing and round-the-clock monitoring.

Programme for track renewal railways

697. DR. ABRAR AHMED:
SHRI SURESH KALMADI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Railways have programmed 2850 kms. for track renewal during the current financial year; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the thrust areas where the renewal will be done?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The thrust area is liquidation of arrears of over due renewals particularly on high density/high speed routes, along with upgradation of their track structure.

Emergency quota seats/berths in different trains

698. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the modus operendi of releasing emergency quota seats/berths in different trains;

(b) what is the nature of priority of the VIPs recommending for confirmation of wait-listed tickets;

(c) whether the recommendation of the MPs are given any priority; and

(d) the number of seats/berths which were released from the emergency quota in the month of June 1992 and the number of seats/berths which were confirmed on the recommendations of MPs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (c) A limited number of berths/seats has been earmarked as emergency quota to meet the urgent travel requirements of high official requisition holders, Ministers, VIPs and other emergent demands. Requests received from Members of Parliament and various other quarters for release of berths/seats out of Emergency Quota are given due priority taking into account factors like status of the passenger travelling, nature of urgency like Government duty, bereavement, sickness, etc.

(d) As a large number of such requests is received and dealt with on day-to-day basis, break-up of the requests received from various sources is not maintained.

Electrification of rail routes in Andhra Pradesh

699. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the various proposals for electrification of rail routes in Andhra Pradesh in the Eighth Plan;

(b) the details of electrification work currently underway in Andhra Pradesh; and

(c) the funds proposed to be earmarked in Eighth Plan for railway electrification in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (c) Railways Programme for electrification during the Eighth Five Year Plan period has not so far been finalised. Currently electrification of the following sections falling in the State of Andhra Pradesh is in progress: